

REMARKS

Revocation of Power of Attorney

Applicant is enclosing herewith a Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorney naming BRUCE H. TROXELL as attorney of record in this patent application. It is requested that all further correspondence regarding this matter be forwarded to TROXELL LAW OFFICE PLLC at the address listed on the enclosed form. A CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM is also being submitted herewith.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-5 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burzin et al. (U.S. 4,101,524). Claims 1-7 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Timmermann et al. (U.S. 5,644,020) in view of Chiba et al. (U.S. 4,380,622) and Otani et al. (U.S. 4,515,981). Claims 8 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Amendments to Specification

Applicant has amended the specification as noted above to correct a typographical error in the title. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the foregoing amendments to the specification.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1, 6-7 and 12 and has amended claims 2-5 and 8-11 of this application to obviate the outstanding rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112. It is believed that the amended claims now specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 8 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicant's amended claim 8 comprises a combination of original claims 1 and 8, thus redrafting claim 8 in independent form. Amended claims 2-5 and 7-11 all depend from amended claim 8. In the absence of any art cited against Applicant's original claim 8, it is not believed that any detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is necessary. Suffice to say that all of the claims remaining in this patent application contain subject matter against which no prior art citations have been made.

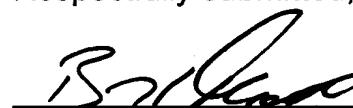
Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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